

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re

CUSTOMS AND TAX ADMINISTRATION OF  
THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK  
(SKATTEFORVALTNINGEN) TAX REFUND  
SCHEME LITIGATION

This document relates to: All Cases.

18-md-2865 (LAK)

**Request for International Judicial Assistance pursuant to the Hague Convention of 18 March 1970 on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters**

The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York presents its compliments to the appropriate judicial authority of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the “United Kingdom”), and requests international judicial assistance to obtain evidence to be used in a civil proceeding before this court in the above captioned matter. This request is made pursuant to, and in conformity with, the Hague Convention of 18 March 1970 on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters.

This Court requests the assistance described herein as necessary in the interests of justice. The assistance requested is that the appropriate judicial authority of the United Kingdom compel the below named individuals, in their capacity as Administrators and Special Administrators of the below named entities, to produce documents and testimony.

It is expected, based on existing timetables, that (i) the fact discovery period for the above captioned cases will close on or around June 30, 2021, (ii) the submission of expert reports will follow shortly after the close of fact discovery, and expert discovery will be completed at or around the end of 2021, (iii) the parties will move for summary judgment in

early 2022, and (iv) the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York will schedule trial in or around 2022. A party moving for or opposing summary judgment must present evidence to support its arguments, as it does at trial, hence the following request which is made in support of the pending proceedings in New York.

The particulars of this Hague Evidence Request are as follows:

<b>1. Sender</b>	Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan District Judge United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
<b>2. Central Authority of the Requested State</b>	The Senior Master For the attention of the Foreign Process Section Room E16 Royal Courts of Justice Strand LONDON WC2A 2LL
<b>3. Person to whom the executed request is to be returned</b>	Neil J. Oxford Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP One Battery Park Plaza New York, NY 10004-1482 Tel.: (212) 837-6843 Email: neil.oxford@hugheshubbard.com
<b>4. Specification of the day by which the requesting authority requires receipt of the response to the Letter of Request</b>	
<b>Date</b>	April 30, 2021
<b>Reason for Urgency</b>	The fact discovery period is expected to close on or around June 30, 2021. Trial may be scheduled to occur in 2022, and the parties may move for summary judgment in early 2022 as well.

**IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 3 OF THE CONVENTION, THE UNDERSIGNED APPLICANT HAS THE HONOR TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REQUEST:**

<b>5a. Requesting judicial authority (Article 3,a)</b>	Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan District Judge United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
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<b>5b. To the competent authority of (Article 3,a)</b>	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
<b>5c. Names of the case and any identifying number</b>	In re Customs and Tax Administration of the Kingdom of Denmark (Skatteforvaltningen) Tax Refund Scheme Litigation 18-md-2865 (LAK)

**6. Names and addresses of the parties and their representatives**

**a. Plaintiff**

Skatteforvaltningen  
Hannemanns Allé 25  
DK-2300 Copenhagen  
Denmark

**Representatives**

William R. Maguire  
Marc A. Weinstein  
Neil J. Oxford  
Dustin P. Smith  
Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP  
One Battery Park Plaza  
New York, New York 10004-1482  
United States

**b. Defendants**

See attached Schedule A.

**7. Nature of the Proceedings**

**a. Nature of the Proceedings**

In May and June 2018, Plaintiff Skatteforvaltningen (“SKAT”) filed 140 similar complaints in eleven different federal judicial districts. On October 3, 2018, the federal complaints were consolidated in this Multi-District Litigation (“MDL”) and assigned to the Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan. In February 2019, SKAT filed 43 additional complaints, which were consolidated into the MDL assigned to Judge Kaplan. On November 19, 2019, SKAT filed another complaint in the Southern District of New York, which has also been incorporated into the MDL.

This case stems from a fraudulent tax refund scheme to deceive SKAT into paying out over 12.7 billion Danish Kroner (“DKK”), the equivalent of approximately \$2.1 billion (US) of

allegedly withheld dividend tax. Each of over 300 claimants purported to own shares in Danish companies listed on the OMX Copenhagen 20 Index, the 20 most-traded stocks in Denmark. Danish companies are required to withhold 27% tax on dividends they pay to shareholders. Under certain double taxation treaties between Denmark and other countries, including the United States, this amount is reimbursable to certain non-Danish shareholders. The claimants, acting through their agents and representatives, applied to SKAT claiming repayments of amounts withheld on dividends that they purported to have earned on shares of Danish companies that they claimed to hold. These applications are alleged to have been fraudulent because the claimants did not own the shares that they claimed to own, did not earn the dividends they claimed to have earned, and/or were not entitled to the refund amounts they claimed. Based on the allegedly false refund claims submitted by the defendants in the MDL, SKAT asserts that it paid baseless withholding tax refund claims of approximately \$1.2 billion (US). Claimants, that were based in the United States, along with certain of their authorized representatives and other affiliated individuals and entities, are the Defendants in this MDL.

The claimants effectuated the scheme by appointing agents to apply to SKAT for refunds in respect of shares in Danish companies that they did not own or for which they were not otherwise entitled. The claimants each submitted refund claims seeking the full 27% withholding tax that had allegedly been withheld from distributions on shares of Danish companies the claimants purported to own. These claims were submitted through payment agents, which in turn submitted the claims to SKAT. Each entity claiming a withholding tax refund submitted to SKAT a “credit advice,” “income advice,” “tax voucher,” or similar document (a “Credit Advice”) created by a custodian (“Custodian”) that purported to show the claimant’s ownership of shares in Danish companies listed on the OMX Copenhagen 20 Index.

Solo Capital Partners LLP (“Solo Capital”) and other Custodians controlled by Sanjay Shah—Old Park Lane Capital Limited, West Point Derivatives Limited, and Telesto Markets LLP (together with Solo Capital, the “Solo Custodians”—have been in administration or special administration (insolvency proceedings in the United Kingdom) and under the supervision or special supervision of Douglas Nigel Rackham and Michael John Andrew Jervis (the “Administrators”) since September 2016. SKAT understands from the pleadings of the Sanjay Shah defendants in the English proceedings, and correspondence between former counsel for the Solo Custodians and the United Kingdom’s Financial Conduct Authority (the “FCA”), that the Solo Custodians themselves did not have custody of the securities reflected on the Solo Custodians’ Credit Advices, but instead the Solo Custodians purported to have custody accounts with other credit institutions where the securities were held: “JP Morgan,” “SEB,” and “Societe General SA, Zurich Branch” (the “Referenced Sub-Custodians”). The Referenced Sub-Custodians are alleged to have held Danish Securities on behalf the Solo Custodians, and by extension, certain Defendants in this MDL.

As such, information related to the Referenced Sub-Custodians and the Solo Custodians is relevant to the issue as to whether the Defendants held the shares they purported to own, and so is pertinent to the claims in the MDL. Likewise, information about whether the Solo Custodians’ bank accounts actually received any Dividends is relevant to the issue as to whether the Defendants held the shares they purported to own, and received the Dividends they purported to receive, and so pertinent to the claims in the MDL. Finally, the Solo Custodian’s correspondence with the FCA is relevant to the Sub-Custodians<sup>1</sup> purported holdings of Danish

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1. As defined below, “Sub-Custodians” means any entity that acted as a sub-custodian for the Solo Custodians, including, but not limited to, J.P. Morgan Securities plc; Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, Danmark; and

Securities or receipt of Dividends, as the Solo Custodians' former counsel has in its correspondence with the FCA made statement regarding the Solo Custodians' use of Sub-Custodians in relation to Danish Securities and Dividends.

**b. Summary of Complaints**

The allegations in SKAT's complaints in the consolidated actions are substantially similar. SKAT brought complaints against multiple classes of defendants that are subject to jurisdiction in the United States, including: "Plan Defendants," the pension plans that submitted fraudulent dividend withholding tax refund claims to SKAT; "Authorized Representative Defendants," individuals who signed powers of attorney authorizing payment agents to submit fraudulent dividend withholding tax refund claims to SKAT; and "Incorporator Defendants," defendants who incorporated business entities associated with the Plan Defendants that submitted fraudulent dividend withholding tax refund claims to SKAT; as well as other affiliated individuals and entities. The complaints allege that between 2012 and 2015, Defendants submitted fraudulent requests for tax refunds to SKAT. Plaintiff SKAT asserts claims for fraud, aiding and abetting fraud, payment by mistake, unjust enrichment, negligent misrepresentation, and related claims.

**c. Summary of Defense**

The Defendants have been heard in the context of this proceeding by way of their respective answers and response to the complaints, and deny the facts set forth in support of the claims asserted in the complaints. Defendants have had notice of this Hague Evidence Request.

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Société Générale SA, and any of their affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, principals, officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, and attorneys.

<b>8a. Evidence to be obtained or other judicial act to be performed (Article 3,d)</b>	Plaintiff SKAT seeks documents and witness examination on oral questions for not more than a total of seven hours from Douglas Nigel Rackham and/or Michael John Andrew Jervis in their capacity of Special Administrators of Solo Capital and Administrators of Solo Group (Holdings) Limited, Solo Group Services Limited, Old Park Lane Capital Limited, West Point Derivatives Limited, and Telesto Markets LLP.
<b>8b. Purpose of the evidence or other judicial act sought</b>	The documents requested from the Administrators will demonstrate whether the Defendants made false representations regarding their ownership of shares in Danish companies; whether the Defendants owned shares in the Danish companies in which they purported to own shares or owned such shares in sufficient quantities to obtain dividends they claim to have received; the circumstances of Defendants' ownership of shares and receipt of dividends from the Danish companies in which Defendants purported to own shares; and whether the Defendants were paid dividends from Danish companies in which they purported to own shares and from which Defendants purported to have received dividends, including whether Defendants had tax withheld on the dividends they purported to receive from Danish companies.
<b>9. Identity and address of any person to be examined (Article 3,e)</b>	<p>Douglas Nigel Rackham          (Special Administrator of Solo Capital and Administrator to the Associated Entities)          PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP          7 More London, Riverside, London          United Kingdom</p> <p>Michael John Andrew Jervis          (Special Administrator of Solo Capital and Administrator to the Associated Entities)          PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP          7 More London, Riverside, London          United Kingdom</p>

**10. Questions to be put to the person to be examined or statement of the subject-matter about which they are to be examined (Article 3,f)**

The Solo Custodians purportedly acted as Custodians to certain of the Plans that are defendants in the MDL and allegedly used Sub-Custodians to provide custody services to these defendant Plans.

The Administrators are now in possession of the records of the Solo Custodians, related to the Defendants purported ownership and/or trading of Danish Securities including information related to the use of Sub-Custodians by the Solo Custodians.

The subject of the oral testimony will be:

- i. The Solo Custodians' accounts holding Danish Securities at any Sub-Custodian, during the Applicable Period;
- ii. The statements of the Solo Custodians into which any Dividend was paid, during the Applicable Period; and
- iii. The written correspondence between the Solo Custodians and the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"), including filings the Custodians made with the FCA, during the Applicable Period; and
- iv. Authentication of documents produced pursuant to Paragraph 11, if necessary.

**11. Documents or other property to be inspected (Article 3,g)**

The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York requests that the Administrators produce the following documents, described below, which are in their custody, possession or control, provide a business records certification in the form annexed hereto, and to answer questions upon oral deposition regarding the authenticity, purpose, and meaning of the documents so produced.

**a. Definitions**

- i. "Applicable Period" means January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016.
- ii. "Danish Securities" means shares of any one of the following Danish securities:

1. A.P. Møller Mærsk A/S
2. A.P. Møller Mærsk A/S A
3. A.P. Møller Mærsk A/S B
4. Auriga Industries A/S
5. Carlsberg A/S
6. Carlsberg A/S - B
7. CHR. Hansen Holding A/S
8. Coloplast A/S
9. Coloplast A/S - B
10. Dampskeibsselskabet Norden A/S
11. Danske Bank A/S
12. DSV A/S
13. FLSmidth & CO A/S
14. Gn Store Nord A/S
15. H Lundbeck A/S
16. IC Company A/S
17. ISS World Services A/S
18. NKT Holding A/S
19. Novo Nordisk A/S
20. Novo Nordisk A/S B
21. Novozymes A/S
22. Novozymes A/S B
23. Pandora A/S
24. Simcorp A/S
25. Sydbank A/S
26. TDC A/S
27. Tryg A/S
28. Vestas Wind Systems A/S

- iii. “Defendants” means any of the United States defendants identified on the attached Schedule A.
- iv. “Dividend(s)” means any dividend received as a result of any interest in a Danish Security, including, but not limited to, manufactured dividends and any other dividends not received directly from the entity that issued the dividend.
- v. “Solo Custodians” means Old Park Lane Capital PLC, Solo Capital Partners LLP, Telesto Markets LLP, and West Point Derivatives Ltd.
- vi. “Sub-Custodian(s)” means any entity that acted as a sub-custodian for the Solo Custodians, including, but not limited to, J.P. Morgan Securities plc; Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, Danmark; Société Générale SA, and any of their affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, principals, officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, and attorneys.

**b. Documents to be Produced**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The statements of the Solo Custodians' accounts holding Danish Securities at any Sub-Custodian, during the Applicable Period;</li> <li>ii. The bank account statements of the Solo Custodians into which any Dividend was paid, during the Applicable Period; and</li> <li>iii. The written correspondence between the Solo Custodians and the FCA, including filings the Custodians made with the FCA, during the Applicable Period.</li> </ul>
<b>12. Any requirement that the evidence be given on oath or affirmation and any special form to be used (Article 3,h)</b>	The examinations shall be taken under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure of the United States of America, except to the extent such procedure is incompatible with the law of the United Kingdom. The testimony shall be given under oath.
<b>13. Special methods or procedure to be followed (Articles 3,i and 9)</b>	The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York further requests that the Parties' representatives or their designees, a court reporter, and a videographer be permitted to be present during the examination and make a verbatim record of the proceedings; and that the representatives or designees be permitted to examine and cross-examine the witnesses directly.
<b>14. Request for notification of the time and place for the execution of the Request and identity and address of any person to be notified (Article 7)</b>	It is requested that testimony be taken at such place, date, or time as ordered by the Royal Courts of Justice and/or as otherwise scheduled by the representatives of the Plaintiffs and/or as otherwise agreed to by the witnesses and the respective representatives of the Parties.
	Notice thereof should be made to Plaintiff's counsel: Richard Dickman Pinsent Masons LLP 30 Crown Place Earl Street London EC2A 4ES
<b>15. Request for attendance or participation of judicial personnel of the requesting authority at the execution of the Letter of Request (Article 8)</b>	None

**16. Specification of privilege or duty to refuse to give evidence under the law of the State of origin (Article 11, b)**

Under the laws of the United States, a party has a privilege to refuse to disclose the contents of a confidential communication between that party and an attorney that was made for the purpose of obtaining legal advice.

Parties also enjoy limited privileges not relevant here, such as communications between physician and patient, psychotherapist and patient, husband and wife, or clergy and penitent.

United States law also recognizes a testimonial privilege for individuals against criminal self-incrimination. This privilege does not apply to production of documents by an entity.

Outside the strict area of privilege, certain limited immunities are available that may place restrictions on the giving of evidence, such as the limited protection of documents created by attorneys in anticipation of litigation.

**17. The fees and costs incurred which are reimbursable under the second paragraph of Article 14 or under Article 26 of the Convention will be borne by**

SKAT

Date of Request:

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Signature and Seal of the  
Requesting Authority

**SCHEDULE A – DEFENDANTS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>Defendant</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Avanix Management LLC Avanix Management LLC Roth 401K Plan Batavia Capital Pension Plan Calypso Investments Pension Plan Cavus Systems LLC Cavus Systems LLC Roth 401(K) Plan Hadron Industries LLC Hadron Industries LLC Roth 401(K) Plan Jocelyn Markowitz Richard Markowitz RJM Capital Pension Plan RJM Capital Pension Plan Trust Routt Capital Pension Plan Routt Capital Trust	<b>Alan E. Schoenfeld</b> WilmerHale 7 World Trade Center 250 Greenwich Street New York, NY 10007  Tel: (212) 295-6401 alan.schoenfeld@wilmerhale.com
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The Balmoral Management LLC 401K Pension Plan The Beech Tree Partners 401K Plan The Belforte Pension Plan The Bella Consultants Pension Plan The Blackbird 401K Plan The Bradley London Pension Plan The Bravos Advisors 401K Plan The Busby Black 401K Plan The Cambridge Town Line Pension Plan The Canada Rock LLC 401K Plan The Cardinal Consulting Pension Plan The Chambers Property Management, LLC 401K Plan The Costello Advisors Pension Plan The Crow Associates Pension Plan The Diamond Scott Capital Pension Plan The Dink 14 LLC 401K Plan The DMR Pension Plan The Dosmon BLY Pension Plan The Egret Associates LLC 401K Plan The Eskin Pension Plan The Everything Clean LLC 401K Plan The Fieldcrest Pension Plan The FWC Capital LLC Pension Plan The Green Group Site Pension Plan The Hawk Group Pension Plan The Heron Advisors Pension Plan The Hibiscus Partners LLC 401K Plan The Hoboken Advisors LLC 401K Plan The Hotel Fromance Pension Plan The Houston Rocco LLC 401K Plan The India Bombay LLC 401K Pension Plan The ISDB Pension Plan The Jayfran Blue Pension Plan The Joanne E. Bradley Solo 401K Plan The JT Health Consulting LLC 401K Plan The Jump Group LLC 401K Plan The KASV Group Pension Plan The Kodiak Capital Pension Plan The Krabi Holdings LLC 401K Plan The Kyber Pension Plan The Lakeview Advisors 401K Plan The LBR Capital Pension Plan The Lerici Capital Pension Plan The Ludlow Holdings 401K Plan	
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In re

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(SKATTEFORVALTNINGEN) TAX REFUND  
SCHEME LITIGATION

18-md-2865 (LAK)

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**DECLARATION OF [WITNESS]**

I, [Witness], hereby declare as follows:

1. I am [position] at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PWC”).

2. On September \_\_, 2016, insolvency proceedings were commenced in the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Companies Court, whereby Solo Capital Partners LLP (“Solo Capital”) was placed into special administration and Old Park Lane Capital Limited, Telesto Markets LLP, and West Point Derivatives Limited (collectively with Solo Capital, the “Solo Custodians”) were placed into administration. On September 23, 2016, Douglas Nigel Rackham and Michael John Andrew Jervis (together, the “Administrators”) of PWC were appointed joint special administrators of Solo Capital and joint administrators of the other Solo Custodians.

3. Upon being appointed, the Administrators secured the hard copy and electronic records of the Solo Custodians.

4. I, and others under my supervision, have reviewed the Solo Custodians’ records to determine from 2012 to 2015, at which financial institutions the Solo Custodians held accounts in which they could have sub-custodied shares of Danish exchanged-traded stock on behalf of

their clients. That review identified only four such institutions or sub-custodians for the period 2012 to 2015: J.P. Morgan Securities plc; Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, Danmark; and Société Générale SA. None of the Solo Custodians held accounts at any other sub-custodian during the period 2012 to 2015 in which shares of Danish exchanged-traded stock could have been held.

I, [witness], make these statements based on my personal knowledge, and hereby certify under penalty of perjury under [English perjury law] that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: [London, United Kingdom]

\_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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[Witness]